

## From the Pastor's Desk.

It is extraordinary how good we feel when we get our hair 'done', if we are fortunate enough to have hair! Hair dressers and barbers are under siege since they have reopened after the easing of the Covid 19 restrictions.

Human beings are not unlike or feathered friends, who like to preen their feathers and look their best.

Being able to gather again, publicly, to worship God together in our Churches, has lifted the spirits of many. While the numbers permitted to gather are still modest, we are moving in the right direction. While it is not unpleasant to pray by oneself, or sit in front of the computer screen or television, and participate in Mass, there is something strange, mysterious, comforting, about doing so in the presence of others. The "virtual" is only thing "real".

The real presence of others is a gift we should appreciate. Being with another can convey so much more than words can. Hearts speak to hearts.

There is a "something" experienced, that words can never fully convey.

At all our Masses in the parish from now on, we will be having a 3 minute time of silence after the distribution of Holy Communion. A quiet time of presence with God, one another and self. Clear, simple, pure. Remember, your reflection is clearer in still water.

Fr Paul Taylor.

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## Parish Schedule and Webcam

As the church re-opens on 29th June, there are some

Changes to our schedule, and these are marked in bold print.

The Sunday dispensation is still in place, and Mass will be available via the webcam at: [rathgarparish.ie](http://rathgarparish.ie).

The following is the schedule: (changes in bold print)

**Sunday 10.30am; 12 noon; 5.30pm**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday,**

**Saturday 10am**

**Tuesday, Thursday 5.30pm**

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**Mass in Beechwood Avenue** is as follows:

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Sunday**

(as Gaeilge) 9.00am & 10.45am

**Tuesday 10.00am**

**Thursday 10.00am**

We encourage everyone who visits the church to wear face coverings, and to practice hand sanitisation and social distancing in order to protect everyone's health.

**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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